The Central Government provided assistance to the State Governments in the arenas of security and development, both. This includes assistance under various schemes for economic upliftment of tribals, for educational and vocational facilities for tribals, for creating critical infrastructural projects in tribal areas for tribal development and for raising the level of administration of scheduled areas.

Promotion of plea-bargaining

925. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the system of plea-bargaining is providing successful in Tihar Jail in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government would advise the State Governments to launch similar schemes to meet the dual purpose of reducing over-crowding in jails and simultaneously significantly helping in liquidation of huge arrears of languishing court cases; and

(c) whether a consensus amongst judiciary, excutive or even legislature could be worked out to put this or similar systems on firmer grounds for wider acceptance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The concept of plea bargaining has been introduced through the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2005 (Act 2 of 2006) primarily to reduce pendency of cases in trial Courts and overcrowding in Prisons. An advisory has been issued to all the State Governments for implementation of Prison Reforms including the concept of plea-bargaining to improve the prison management and decongesting the jails.

Attacks by Maoists/Naxalites on Police in Chhattisgarh

926. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were deadly attacks by Maoists/Naxalites on Police on Oct. 29, followed by Nov. 2, in Chhattisgarh, involving considerable loss of lives, indicative of our intelligence failure or indifferent attitude of law enforcing agencies;

(b) if so, the locations of the outposts where logistical support is difficult to reach, and other major contributory factors for such happenings; and

(c) whether there is a co-ordinated joint para-military force facing these Maoists or only State police forces with traditional weapons are deployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) On 29.10.2007 and 02.11.2007, there were incidents of naxalite violence in Chhattisgarh, which resulted in casualties in security personnel.

Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various issues related to naxalite activities in a State primarily lies in the domain of the concerned State Government.